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SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR ON RABIN'S BACKING FOR
SINAI ACCORD

FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS

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FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTED SECTIONS OF CSM CORRESPONDENT JASON
MORRIS' STORY WHICH APPEARED IN THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 1975
EDITION:

JERUSALEM: ISRAELI PREMIER YITZHAK RABIN IS SKILLFULLY
AMASSING PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY HE NEEDS TO ASSURE APPROVAL
OF NEW INTERIM AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT BEING WORKED OUT DURING
U.S. SECSTATE KISSINGER'S CURRENT ME SHUTTLE. . . .

FORMER DEFENSE MINISTER MOSHE DAYAN, WHO HAS MADE HIS OPPOS-
ITION PUBLIC AND UNEQUIVOCAL, STAYED AWAY FROM MEETING
DESPITE HIS HAVING BEEN INVITED AS A LABOR MEMBER OF PARLIA-
MENT.

THE MOST TELLING BLOW TO MR. DAYAN'S EFFORT TO BLOCK ACCORD
CAME FROM HIS SUCCESSOR AS DEFENSE MINISTER AND LONG-TIME
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POLITICAL ALLY, SHIMON PERES.

MR. PERES WAS QUOTED AS HAVING SAID THAT THE NEW PACT WILL ACHIEVE ALMOST TOTAL AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE ISRAELI-ARAB DISPUTE. HE DEPICTED THIS AS A WELCOME DEVELOPMENT IN KEEPING WITH HIS VIEWS AS A DISCIPLE OF ISRAEL'S FOUNDING FATHER, THE LATE DAVID BEN-GURION.....

QUALIFIED SUPPORT FOR PACT ALSO CAME FROM FORMER FM EBAN. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH IT HAD FLAWS, CONSEQUENCES OF ISRAEL REJECTING IT WOULD BE "SEVEN TIMES WORSE THAN CONSEQUENCES OF ITS DEFECTS."

MEANWHILE, NATURE OF U.S. CIVILIAN TECHNICIANS' JOB CONTINUES TO BE SUBJECT OF OFFICIALLY INSPIRED LEAKS TO LOCAL PRESS.

AMERICANS, THESE ACCOUNTS SAY, WILL CONTROL ALL ACCESS ROADS LEADING TO EARLY-WARNING POSTS AND WILL PATROL THEM REGULARLY.

THEIR PRESENCE IN WESTERN SINAI AS "CUSTODIANS" OF ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE NETWORK WOULD BE "IRREVOCABLE" UNLESS CONSENT TO THEIR DEPARTURE WAS GIVEN BY BOTH EGYPT AND ISRAEL AND WAS SANCTIONED BY US PRESIDENT.

DR. KISSINGER HAS YET TO DETERMINE EXACT NUMBER OF AMERICAN CIVILIANS TO BE INVOLVED. ESTIMATES STILL RANGE FROM 100 TO 200 WITH INFORMED ISRAELI QUARTERS SUGGESTING THAT THE SECSTATE HAS BEEN TRYING TO KEEP NUMBER AS SMALL AS POSSIBLE. INGERSOLL

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